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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jan 11, 2002

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-8, 10-21, and 23-32 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 2-8 and 28 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1, 10-21, 23-27, and 29-32 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) Other: _____

1. This office action is in response to Request for reconsider filed 1/11/02. Claims 1-8,10-21 and 23-32 are pending. The rejections cited are as stated below.
2. Claims 2-8 and 28 are allowable
3. Claims 1,10-21,23-27,29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102[e] as being anticipated by Kalra et al [Kalra 5,953,506]
4. As per claims 1,19 and 29 Kalra discloses a method of transmitting a data segment in a stream using a write module of the type which implements a selected one of a plurality of versions of a streaming protocol outputting a first stream of data according to a first version of the streaming protocol [col 2 lines 1-50, col 4 lines 1-45];
sequentially appending additional streams of data to the first stream of data according to each subsequent version of the streaming protocol up to and including the selected version, if the selected version of the streaming protocol is not the first version of the streaming protocol [abstract, col 4 lines 33-46, col 10 lines 1-17]
delimiting the data segment in the data stream begin and end tags [Fig 16A1, col 25 lines 39-47].
5. As per claim 10, Kalra disclose no additional tags are embedded in the data segment between the begin and tags as inherent feature of data segment or streamed digital data [Fig 16A1]
6. As per claims 11,23 Kalra discloses determining whether the data segment is stored in a current context for the data stream; if so, transmitting an alias tag in lieu of segment; and not, storing the data segment in the current context as inherent feature of using tag on data stream [Fig 16A1, col 25 lines 39-47].

7. As per claim 12, Kalra discloses the data is a non-random access data stream as a video stream [col 19 line 65]

8. As per claims 13,24 and 30 contain the similar limitation of claim 1 except the step testing, prior to receiving each additional stream of data, whether an end of the data segment has been detected, and if so, terminating reception of the data segment prior to receiving the addition stream of data according to the selected version as inherent feature of encoding, decoding, storing and transmitting data stream [col 2 lines 27-50, col 4 lines 33-46, col 5 line 57-col 6 line 26, col 14 lines 12-34, col 15 lines 50-65, col 19 lines 1-21, col 21 line 61-col 22 line 15, col 23 lines 8-27, col 24 lines 16-49, col 26 line 49-col 27 line 14].

9. As per claims 14 and 25 Kalra discloses if the end of the data segment has not been detected upon receiving the additional stream of data according to the selected version, disregarding any remaining data in the segment as inherent feature of decoding multimedia stream data [col 16 lines 37-48].

10. As per claim 15 Kalra discloses storing the data segment current context, including any disregarded data therefrom [col 7 line 62- col 8 line 7, col 35 lines 59-64, col 37 lines 7-10, col 38 line 1]

11. As per claims 16,20 and 26, Kalra discloses the data segment is an object [Fig 22].

12. As per claims 17 and 21, Kalra discloses the testing includes the step of initializing object data that is not received from the data stream to a default value as inherent feature of encoding, decoding, storing and transmitting data stream [col 19 lines 23-30, col 32 lines 10-13,49-54].

13. As per claim 18, Kalra disclose the transmitting an object type or version type for the data segment; and receiving the object type, including the steps of allocating and initializing an object

when receiving the data segment based upon the object type [Fig 22]

14. As per claims 31 and 32 Kalra taught the step of testing for a premature end tag and terminating the reception of the data segment when a premature end tag is received as inherent feature of end tag [Fig 16A1]

Thus, as explained above, the system and method of claims 1,10-21,23-27,29-32 is anticipated by the prior art.

Response to Arguments

15. The applicant arguments filed 5/29/2001 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. By mistake, examiner consider a plurality of version protocol as a different version protocol which lead to the combination of Kalra-Beckerman references. Therefore the argument on the different protocols is not appropriated.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Thong Vu, whose telephone number is (703)-305-4643. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Mark Rinehart*, can be reached at (703) 305-4815.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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